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William F. Canton
Acting Secretary, FCC
1919 M. Street Rm 222
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Canton

I understand you are considering changing the way we choose which phone carrier we will use through the "Bill Party Preference." Please leave the phone system the way it is. Our customers understand how to reach any long distance carrier they want. Let's not limit their choices.

Sincerely



Bryon Swanson
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CITY OF ADELANTO
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
2025 M. Street
Washington, D.C. 20554

SUBJECT: BILL PARTY PREFERENCE (BPP)

Dear Sir:

I am the Warden of the Adelanto Community Correctional Facility. We currently house approximately 438 inmates. I am asking your support to defeat the proposal to implement Bill Party Preference.

The basic reason for Bill Party Preference is to insure users of public communications open access to their long distance carrier of choice, and by-pass regulations in place today already allowing for the public's open access to carrier of choice.

Second, by not allowing private pay phone owners and location clients the right to choose the primary long distance carrier on their equipment, the owner and/or location client, will lose the ability to negotiate fair commissions from their selected carrier. The location owner under Bill Party Preference brings no value to the primary carrier because each caller has his call automatically routed to the carrier he has chosen for his residence. The result is that location owners and clients lose their rights to fair commissions on revenue generated from their properties.

Lastly, the inmate phone business is vastly different from the environment of public communication users, and should be exempt from Bill Party Preference, even if it were to pass. For instance, correctional institutions are allowed to cut off any collect call to a location where third party or call conference is detected. (No Bell company, LEC or IXC is permitted to do that). Inmates are not so much concerned with the choice of carrier, but whether the institution will even allow him or her to even make calls.

Institutions have become more and more liberal on open calling policies since the means exist to recoup some of the associated security and operational costs associated with telephone calls, and provide necessary security to protect the public.

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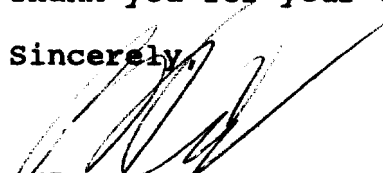
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If the opportunity to receive telephone commissions is not available, you can be assured that my institution will seriously reevaluate inmate telephone privileges and seriously curtail the ability of inmates to utilize telephones for open calling.

The public is continually burdened with increased incarceration costs. Inmate telephone revenue is used to offset some of this cost. This was not available prior to deregulation. Billed Party Preference will abolish this revenue source. I would like to continue my inmate telephone program in its income generating role. With Billed Party Preference, that will not happen.

Thank you for your consideration and support in this matter.

Sincerely,



BUFORD L. CRABB
Warden

cc: CITY REPRESENTATIVES
COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
STATE REPRESENTATIVES
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Bill Aleshire

COUNTY JUDGE, TRAVIS COUNTY

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July 28, 1994

TO: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FROM: BILL ALESHIRE

RE: BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE

I am writing to ask that you defeat the proposal to implement Billed Party Preference. The basic reason for BPP is to ensure users of public communications open access to their long distance carrier of choice, and the bypass regulations in place today already allow for the public's open access to carrier of choice. And by not allowing private payphone owners and location clients the right to choose the primary long distance carrier on their equipment, the owner and/or location client loses the ability to negotiate fair commissions from their selected carrier, because the location owner under BPP brings no value to the primary carrier; each caller has his call automatically routed to the carrier he has chosen for his residence. The result is that location owners and clients lose their rights to fair commissions on revenue generated from their properties.

The inmate phone business is vastly different from the environment of public communication users, and should be exempt from BPP, even if it does pass. For instance, correctional institutions are allowed to cut off any collect call to a location where third party of call conferencing is detected. No Bell company, LEC or IXC is permitted to do that. Besides, an inmate's concern is not so much choice of carrier, but whether or not we will even allow him to make calls at all. Institutions have become more liberal on open calling policies when they can share fairly from the revenue of each call. Without this inmate phone commission revenue, we'd have to give serious consideration to just allowing each inmate one call every 90 days, in order to address the security concerns associated with open calling.

At Travis County we're always searching for ways to diversify our sources of revenue to avoid burdening our property taxpayers any further. Inmate phone revenue, unavailable before deregulation, needs to continue its income generating role. With Billed Party Preference, that will not happen. Please don't make

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this change. The bottom line for this County government is that Billed Party Preference will increase local property tax bills due to this loss of revenue.

If you have any questions, please call the Director of Travis County General Services, John Sutton, at (512) 473-9500.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill L. Lesh", written over a horizontal line.

cc: Congressman Jake Pickle
County Commissioners



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July 28, 1994

Mr. William F. Canton
Acting Secretary F.C.C.
1919 "M" St., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

REF: Bill Party Preference

Dear Mr. Canton:

We are very concerned about our customers being forced to deal with another change in the public telephone arena.

It is still clear in our memory the last time a frustrated customer ripped the phone off the wall because of not being able to reach their carrier of choice. This is no longer the case since unblocking has been mandated.

Our customers know how to reach their long distance carrier. We have surveyed our customers needs, and our needs. We don't want another mandate.

The system works very well, please don't fix it.

Best Regards,


Thomas E. May
Controller

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The Honorable Dale Bumpers
United States Senate
Dirksen Bldg., Room 229
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Bumpers:

As a Sheriff of Arkansas, I have numerous concerns about the proposed Billed Party Preference regulation. If this change were to occur, not only would it jeopardize the correctional facility inmate phone industry, but also the inmates, their families, and the entire criminal justice system. Because of this, I feel it would be in the best interest of correctional facilities to continue serving inmates as it presently does.

As I stated above, there are numerous concerns with the proposed regulation. Some of the largest ones are as follows:

- *The right is taken away from facility administrators to choose the inmate phone provider of their choice.
- *In many cases, jail length would increase for inmates because the phone usage would decrease, making it hard to make bond arrangements. (Eventually, this would affect taxpayers.)
- *If correctional facilities changed to the BPP system, they could no longer be able to control the calls of inmates. Features like call tracking or blocking would no longer be available and this would mean that inmates could harass witnesses, jury members, judges, and even their victims.
- *With the current system, correctional facilities can control fraud problems with the assistance of the inmate phone provider. With BPP, call control would not be possible

The above shows just a few of the major concerns with the billed Party Preference regulation. Should the BPP become regulation, I would request that you make inmate calls exempt. I would appreciate you looking further into this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl Poteete

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Sheriff of Conway County

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CARL POTEETE

SHERIFF AND COLLECTOR

CONWAY COUNTY

PHONES: Office 354-2411; Home 354-0447

MORRILTON, ARKANSAS 72110

Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

July 27, 1994

Dear Vice-President Gore:

As a Sheriff of Arkansas, I have numerous concerns about the proposed Billed Party Preference regulation. If this change were to occur, not only would it jeopardize the correctional facility inmate phone industry, but also the inmates, their families, and the entire criminal justice system. Because of this, I feel it would be in the best interest of correctional facilities to continue serving inmates as it presently does.

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Sheriff of Conway County



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PHONES: Office 354-2411; Home 354-0447

MORRILTON, ARKANSAS 72110

U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

July 27, 1994

Dear Congressman Thorton:

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Sincerely,

Carl Poteete
Sheriff of Conway County

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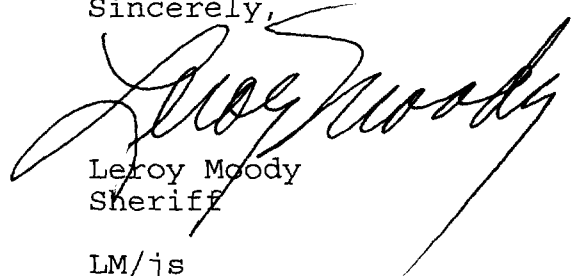
Dear Sirs:

In reference to the purposed Billed Party Preference for 0+ interLATA calls, the San Patricio County Sheriff's Department is opposed to this change due to the following facts:

1. Lose blocking control of phones to prevent harassment of victims and witnesses.
2. Loss of revenue for counties and an increase in cost for the inmate's family
3. Loss of control of phone use and call duration.

There are other questions about this change and concerns about who will pay for this. We oppose the BPP and encourage the FCC to do the same.

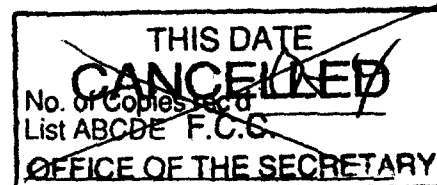
Sincerely,


Leroy Moody
Sheriff
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cc: Vice-President Al Gore
The Honorable Kika de la Garza
The Honorable Phil Gramm



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WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA JAIL ADMINISTRATORS ASSN.

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FCC Secretary's Office
1919 M Street, NW Room 222
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Dear Sirs:

The West Central Jail Administrators Association is a group of Jail Administrators that meets on a regular basis to discuss jail issues. This organization has approx. 25 counties in its membership. We as a group are very concerned about the possibility of "Billed Party Preference" becoming a reality. As a group we can foresee several problems that could be caused by this BPP bill. The three most serious ones are 1) no longer being able to put a block on a line. This means that inmates could call victims or victims family members and lockups would have no control over this. 2) Revenue to lockups would be lost. 3) The possibility of phone fraud could become more of a problem. If this BPP goes into effect and new in-place systems need to be changed, who will have to pay for the change?

We as a group strongly oppose "Billed Party Preference" and encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,



Rod McCulley
Acting Sec. WCJAA

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